

# **INTERNATIONAL RATE SOLICITATION I-15**

## **AMENDMENT 1 TO CHANGE 2**

**(Effective 1 Apr 05)**

1. **GENERAL:** Effective 1 April 05 (IS05), the following change will be implemented into the International Personal Property Rate Solicitation I-15:

### **2. CHAPTER I – POLICY**

Item 107 – Acceptance of Rates Option to Extend or Modify

Page 1-3 through 1-4 – Removed verbiage to revert Item to it's original wording.

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***DOD Peacetime and Contingency (VISA) Sealift Requirements***

a. The Secretary of Defense has approved the Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VISA) as a sealift readiness program for the purpose of Section 909 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended (46 App. U.S.C. 1248)

b. The objective of VISA is to provide DOD a coordinated, seamless transition from peacetime to wartime for the acquisition of commercial sealift and intermodal capability to augment DOD's organic sealift capabilities.

c. VISA is designed to create close working relationships between the Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S. Transportation Command, and participants through which contingency needs and the needs of the civil economy can be met by cooperative action. During contingencies, participants are afforded maximum flexibility to adjust commercial operations by Transportation Service Provider Coordination Agreements (CCA), in accordance with applicable law.

d. Transportation Service Providers filing rates in response to this solicitation must comply with the Voluntary Intermodal Sealift Agreement (VISA) priorities listed below for the ocean portion of the overall movement. For the purpose of this item, to allow VISA participants the first opportunity to directly meet DOD requirements, the underlying ocean bill of lading must be issued by a VISA participant to qualify for priorities (1), (3), and (5).

(1) U.S.-flag vessel capacity operated by a participant and U.S.-Flag Vessel Sharing Agreement (VSA) capacity of a participant.

(2) U.S.-flag vessel capacity operated by a non-participant.

(3) Combination U.S./foreign flag vessel capacity operated by a participant and combination U.S./foreign flag VSA capacity of a participant.

(4) Combination U.S./foreign flag vessel capacity operated by a non-participant.

(5) U.S.-owned or operated foreign flag vessel capacity and VSA capacity of a participant.

(6) U.S.-owned or operated foreign flag vessel capacity and VSA capacity of a non-participant.

(7) Foreign-owned or operated foreign flag vessel capacity of a non-participant.

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***Acceptance of Rates - Option to Extend or Modify***

a. SDDC reserves the right to reject any or all offers; to waive informalities and minor irregularities in offers received; to negotiate, accept, or reject initial or subsequent submissions without discussion of rates; to nonuse or cancel any rate upon 15 days notice; and resolicit rates. Additionally, SDDC reserves the right, on 15 days notice, to:

(1) extend the effective period of rates by 45 days to modify the rate filing period;

(2) change the type of rates being solicited;

(3) resolicit rates as the result of Government or Transportation Service Provider actions;

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(4) take any appropriate actions to protect the Government's interests in response to delaying court injunctions, data processing failures, strikes, embargoes; and other policy or economic situations.

b. Initial rate submissions should be based on the most favorable terms to the Government from a price and service standpoint.

c. It is SDDC's sole intent to solicit responsible rates prepared in accordance with sound business decisions. Rates which would jeopardize financial viability of a Transportation Service Provider are not desired.

d. Individual rates should be constructed to stand alone without regard to rates for other channels. Transportation Service Providers are encouraged to file rates only between those areas where they desire to serve.

e. Filing administrative rates during the initial filing (I/F) period, with no intention to me-too (M/T), only increases workload for all concerned, as rates may be removed during the M/T filing cycle.

f. This solicitation stands alone and is not influenced by prior practices or procedures. It may be modified only by the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Transportation Services, by letter or electronic means.

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***Release of Cost Data***

Proprietary rate and cost data, submitted by Transportation Service Providers upon request of SDDC, is not releasable under the Freedom of Information Act.

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***Transportation Service Provider Correspondence***

Transportation Service Providers are prohibited from distributing, or having distributed on their behalf, any international HHG or UB tariffs or tenders to personal property shipping offices (PPSOs). Transportation Service Providers are also prohibited from distributing any correspondence dealing with information in conflict with ITGBL program instructions furnished to PPSOs.

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***Sources of Assistance***

In the event of problems or questions relative to these instructions, PPSOs should first contact SDDC or designated representative overseas. Problems not resolved at these levels will be elevated to SDDC.

<u>AREA</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DSN</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL</u>
SDDC-Pacific	SDPP-PO-P	456-3741	(808) 656-3741
SDDC-Europe	SDPP-PO-E	314-430-8248	011-49-711-680-8248
SDDC-Alexandria	SDPP-PO(Rates)	328-3282	(703) 428-3282
	SDPP-PO(Operations)	328-3279	(703) 428-3279

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***Recommendations***

Recommendations for proposed changes are welcome and will be considered for future application. PPSO recommendations may be forwarded to SDDC, ATTN: SDPP-PO or designated SDDC representative overseas.